

decisions. A motion to close the doors may be acted upon without objection, or, if objected is heard, the motion shall be voted on without debate by the yeas and nays, which shall be entered on the Record"; and

(3) In Rule XXIV, the phrases "without debate", "except when the doors shall be closed for deliberation, and in that case" and ", to be had without debate".

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. Chief Justice.

I remind all Senators to please remain in their seats until the Chief Justice has departed the Chamber.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LOTT. I now ask unanimous consent that the Court of Impeachment stand in adjournment, and that all Senators remain at their desks, as I just suggested, so the Chief Justice can depart the Chamber.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Thereupon, at 4:34 p.m., the Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, adjourned.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GREGG). The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, momentarily we will do the closeout for the day, and we will, in that period, after consultation with the Democratic leader, notify the Senators about what the schedule will be next week and when the next anticipated time will occur for us to be here and expect votes. That will probably be Wednesday afternoon.

With that, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL RICHARD C. ALEXANDER

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, recently Major General Richard C. Alexander of Ohio retired as the Adjutant General of the Ohio National Guard. I rise today to pay tribute to this remarkable individual and dedicated public servant.

General Alexander's military career began in 1954 when he joined the Marine Corps and served honorably until 1958, when he was discharged with the rank of Sergeant. As a native of Cleveland, General Alexander returned to Ohio and enlisted in the Ohio National Guard and served in Battery C, 1st Missile Battalion, 137th Artillery.

Continuing his career, General Alexander completed the National Guard

State Officer School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on May 6th, 1965. Following the completion of many advanced military education courses including graduating from the U.S. Army War College and U.S. Army Command and General Staff Course, General Alexander rose through the ranks within the Ohio National Guard and was selected to serve as the Ohio Adjutant General in December 1987.

When I was the Lieutenant Governor of Ohio, I became aware of how fortunate the citizens of Ohio were to have an individual such as Richard Alexander serving as the Adjutant General of the Ohio National Guard. During his tenure as the Adjutant General, he has met many challenges that have tasked the full scope of his ability to manage a citizen soldier force in a world environment of uncertainty and changing global priorities.

The Ohio National Guard has found itself a witness, participant and beneficiary to the many changes and successes that occurred under the leadership of General Alexander. During the Persian Gulf War, more than 1,600 Ohio National Guard members were activated in support of military operations. In 1993, the Ohio National Guard was called upon to respond to an inmate riot at the Lucasville Prison. Since that time Ohioans repeatedly have called upon the services of the Ohio National Guard to respond to various natural disasters involving flood recovery and various levels of snow emergencies. I have seen first hand the tremendous service and professionalism of the National Guard when I toured areas of the state that were damaged by the rain and flooding in the Spring of 1997.

In addition to assistance at the local level, defense officials repeatedly have called upon the services of Ohio National Guard members to supplement and support our national military defense in a variety of missions throughout the world. The strong leadership that has been provided by General Alexander has benefitted not only the Ohio National Guard, it has benefitted all Ohioans and our Nation. These leadership skills were recognized by the National Guard Association of the United States, which appointed General Alexander to the position of President of the association in 1996.

It is with a degree of sadness that I find myself saying "farewell" to such a strong leader and personal friend. General Alexander has served his country ably and honorably for the past forty-four years. The positive impact he has had on the lives of Ohioans is immeasurable and his compassion for people and pride in serving in the military epitomize the true meaning of the words—Duty, Honor, Country.

I join with all Ohioans in expressing my appreciation for a job well done to Major General Richard C. Alexander. I wish General Alexander, his wife, LaVera, and his entire family all the very best. Indeed, General Alexander

deserves the very best because he gave the very best—to his family, his state, and his country.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-525. A communication from the Acting Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reportable Item Definition" received on November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-526. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Antarctic Marine Living Resources Directed Research Program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-527. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding the NIST Omnibus Availability of Funds Federal Register Announcement (RIN0693-ZA24) received on November 23, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-528. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advanced Technology Program" (RIN0693-AB48) received on November 23, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-529. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report on the identification of alternative bands to substitute for 15 MHz of the 2025-2110 MHz band that would otherwise be required to be reassigned by competitive bidding; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-530. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Community Development Quota Program" (I.D. 082798A) received on December 10, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-531. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (I.D. 111298A) received on December 14, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-532. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Vessel Monitoring System Power Down Exemption" (RIN0648-AL35) received on October 30, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-533. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant